



ATTACHMENT A

1. (currently amended) A masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):

- 1) ~~10-50%~~ 10-45% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;
- 2) ~~50-90%~~ 55-90% of a blend consisting of:
  - a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin of formula  $H_2C=CHR$ , where R is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin(s); and
  - b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);

wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.

2. (previously presented) The masterbatch composition of claim 1, wherein the ethylene content of copolymer (b) is from over 30 to 60% by weight.

3. (original) The masterbatch composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio (a)/(b) is from 2/1 to 1/2.

4. (currently amended) A thermoplastic polyolefin composition containing a masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):

- 1) ~~10-50%~~ 10-45% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;

2) ~~50-90%~~ 55-90% of a blend consisting of:

- a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin of formula  $H_2C=CHR$ , where R is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin(s); and
- b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);

wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.

5. (previously presented) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 wherein a content of the masterbatch composition is up to 60% by weight.

6. (previously presented) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 wherein the masterbatch composition is blended with additional polyolefins.

7. (previously presented) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 6 wherein the additional polyolefins are selected from propylene homopolymers, random copolymers, and heterophasic copolymers composition.

8. (previously presented) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 also comprising a mineral filler.

9. (currently amended) ~~Bumpers~~ An automotive part comprising a masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):

1) ~~10-50%~~ 10-45% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;

2) ~~50-90%~~ 55-90% of a blend consisting of:

a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin of formula  $H_2C=CHR$ , where R is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin(s); and

b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);

wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.

10. (currently amended) A process for preparing a masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):

1) ~~10-50%~~ 10-45% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;

2) ~~50-90%~~ 55-90% of a blend consisting of:

a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin of formula  $H_2C=CHR$ , where R is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>  $\alpha$ -olefin(s); and

b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a

xylylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);

wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3 by a sequential polymerization, comprising at least three sequential steps, wherein components 1) and 2) are prepared in separate subsequent steps, operating in each step, except the first step, in the presence of the polymer formed and the catalyst used in the preceding step.

11. (previously presented) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein component 1) is present in an amount from 20-40% by weight.

12. (previously presented) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein component 2) is present in an amount from 60-80% by weight.

13. (previously presented) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein in component 2), R contains 12-35% of said C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> α-olefins.